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GREAT WASTE HERE IN DISPOSAL OF MOLASSES.

LIHUE, May 30.—Mr. M. T. Miller of Guanica, Porto Rico, is paying Hawaii one of his periodical visits in order to see what innovations the local planters have adopted since his last trip to the Paradise of the Pacific.

"I have not been down here for four years," said Mr. Miller, "and quite a few changes have taken place in that time. More than you would probably notice who get them gradually. I have just been over to Makaweli and seen their new mill. It is admirable both as to its machinery and the arrangement. I have had a pleasant visit with Mr. Stodart at McBryde and noted all the improvements this go-ahead corporation have installed since I last visited the place. Their electric pumping plants have been a great thing for the place and will be more.

"And right in this respect is where we have got the best of you in Porto Rico," remarked Mr. Miller. "Our irrigation does not cost us any such sums as your Hawaiian plantations as a rule have to expend for that part of the cultivation. Our water is at the top. No shafts to sink to get at the precious sine qua non. And the pumps haven't got to lift it many feet either as the cane lands do not rise like your fields.

"Then we have other advantages over you. The cost of marketing our sugar is so much less than what your product has got to bear. \$2.50 to \$3 is all it costs us to land our sugar in New York or Philadelphia, while you have to pay from \$8 to \$15 to get yours there, the little that is sold to Puerto Rico of course excepted.

"Again we have a plentiful supply of cheap, reliable labor. No need to spend large amounts of money to look up men to till our fields and later to transport them here. We have them right at our doors, and a good class of labor they constitute. You must not judge the ability of the average Porto Rican from what you have seen of them here. What you got was a collection of the toughest good-for-nothings that infested our island. The average Porto Rican puts in a fair amount of working days each month and performs a great deal more during the time they are at work than your Japanese or Koreans do. Then again they are very easily handled and cause us very little trouble.

"We do not have to pay our laborers

as much as you do either. Nowhere on Porto Rico does he get more than \$15 a month, but then he has not got to pay out any such living expenses as all have to do here.

"All these items and some more make sugar growing profitable on our island, at least as long as we can keep Cuban sugar from coming in free. It that ever happens both we and you may close down because it is absolutely impossible to compete with a country that can produce sugar with profit at a cost that is seventy per cent lower than the cheapest you can manage to drive it down to.

"I have often wondered how it is that all your practical planters are so wasteful. They let thousands upon thousands of dollars run to sea every month, when both Liverpool, New York and London are in the market for molasses. We have ours contracted to a New York firm for four cents a gallon and tank steamers take off at least three thousand barrels each month. That it pays the buyers you may judge from the fact that when they found themselves unable to charter any tank steamers this winter and we cable them that, unless they sent vessels to take the stuff, we would have to let it run to sea at their expense, they sent down two four-masted schooners loaded with barrel materials and an army of coopers. When the goods can stand such an expense not to speak of the fact that they had to build a pontoon and haul the barrels out to the vessel that way because there was no room at our wharf, then they can also bear the additional freight from here.

"All the smaller plantations that have to pump their irrigation water utilize their own molasses, however. They have all stills and manufacture the alcohol they need for running their pumping plants. The surplus is made into rum that finds an easy market. The average cost of fuel alcohol to the planter in Porto Rico is about six cents. The rum he can produce at about fifteen to twenty cents. After paying the government ninety cents internal revenue, he can sell it for two dollars a gallon wholesale.

"There are a few things in which you are ahead of us," concluded Mr. Miller, "but then we make up for it in many ways and the final result to the stockholder I think is a shade better with us."—The Garden Island.

OPENS BID FOR SUPPLY DEPOT

NEW YORK CONTRACTOR THE
LOWEST BIDDER IN ESTIMATE
FOR TRANSPORT STATION.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Another important step toward the construction of the \$2,000,000 Army supply depot at Fort Mason was taken this week in the receipt of bids in San Francisco for the construction of a seawall, sea crib wall, transport wharves and sheds. The bids were opened by Major George McK. Williamson, Quartermaster's department, who will be in charge of the construction of the station.

The lowest bid on the entire project was that of the P. J. Carlin Construction Company of New York city, and was \$1,178,000 according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Government. The same bidder also made an alternate proposal on plans prepared by himself, representing modifications of the Government specifications, \$1,093,000.

This Army supply depot at Fort Mason will be distinctive in its character and will be the principal shipping point from the United States for the Philippines. Provision will be made for extending railway tracks to the wharves, so as to facilitate the transfer of supplies between cars and transports. There will be storehouses to accommodate supplies of the different departments and extensive accommodations for sheltering troops awaiting transportation.

EVANS DECLARES HE'S
AS FIT AS A FIDDLE.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Admiral Evans, plainly showing the effects of his serious illness, called on President Roosevelt today and was cordially welcomed. He responded cheerfully to inquiries as to his health by saying he is "as fit as a fiddle." The president congratulated the distinguished admiral on the success of his trip to the Pacific coast with the battleship fleet and expressed his regrets that congress had not seen fit to create the office of vice admiral as a reward for the long and splendid service of the sick officer.

HARD BLOW DEALT TO FAKE MEDIUMS

AN INVESTIGATOR IN DISGUISE
SAYS THE LILY DALE SEANCES
ARE FRAUDULENT.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Spiritualism received a hard rap today when Hereward Carrington, assistant of Dr. James H. Hyslop, head of the Society for Psychical Research, made public an exposure of the famous camp at Lily Dale, N. Y., where hundreds of prominent people have gone to hold converse with the spirits of the dead. Carrington spent two weeks at Lily Dale in disguise, living with alleged mediums, attending their seances in the pose of a credulous believer and carrying on an elaborate secret investigation which, he declares, resulted in proving every medium whose sittings he attended to be a faker.

"I went to Lily Dale under the name of Charles Henderson, and visited nearly every medium of prominence there. Among others I exposed was Pierre L. O. A. Keeler of Washington, one of the most famous in the business."

Besides investigating slate writing and dematerialization, Carrington had a spirit photograph taken supposed to represent the face of a dead relative which he recognized as being cut out of a current magazine and doctored up with a view to concealing its identity.

AN AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL
TRAVELER'S STORY.

It is the commercial traveler who finds the many changes of climate and water trying. Mr. Chas. G. Chapman, who represents a large Brisbane concern, had been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. On one of his trips a fellow traveler recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and this is what he says of it: "I procured a bottle and experienced great relief after taking a few doses. Before the bottle was finished I was cured and have not been troubled since." This remedy is for sale by all Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

TWELVE CHINESE DEAD IN BOXES

Latest Move of the El Paso Smug-
glers Said To Be
Disastrous.

GRUESOME FIND IN NEW YORK.

Difficulty In Probing the Extensive
New Conspiracy to Violate
the Law.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Immigration Bureau is considerably exercised over a sensational report which reached it today, to the effect that twelve Chinese were shipped in as many boxes from El Paso to New York, in an effort to smuggle them into the United States, and that when the boxes were opened in New York every one of the twelve was dead. The report is so circumstantial that it cannot be ignored, and every effort is being made to ascertain its truth or falsity.

The existence of a ring engaged in smuggling Chinese into this country has been known for years, and its operations have been so closely watched that of late the officials of the immigration service have freely predicted that the illegal traffic must cease unless new measures for evading the law were discovered.

TWELVE DEAD CHINESE.
F. W. Berkshire, supervising inspector at San Antonio, Tex., has notified Commissioner-General of Immigration Sargent of a report that twelve Chinese were smuggled into the country in boxes as stated. He received his information from the inspector in charge at El Paso, who in turn was told of it by the official interpreter, Fung Ming, who got the story bit by bit in the Chinese quarter and finally satisfied himself that it was true.

As a result of the fiasco, El Paso's Chinatown was in a ferment of excitement on the evening of May 15th, when a telegram was received of which the following is said to be the exact wording:

"NEW YORK, May 15, 1908.—Twelve boxes were received all right, but all quit him."
"Qui him" is said to mean "dead."

OFFICIALS AT WORK.

Fung Ming heard enough, in spite of the efforts to conceal from him any information, to reveal the truth, as he believed, of the extensive new conspiracy. The immigration officials immediately undertook to find out whether any such consignment had been made from El Paso to the big Chinese firm in New York, and the inspector in charge in New York was instructed to institute a rigid inquiry in New York as to whether the shipment had been received there, whether the Chinese had arrived dead as reported, and if so what disposition had been made of the corpses. No definite information seems to have been received as the result of this search and Commissioner-General Sargent issued orders today for a special agent to proceed at once to New York and probe the rumor to the bottom. According to the El Paso advices, this first attempt, if it be the first, to violate the exclusion laws, was made by Mun Li of El Paso in conjunction with an unnamed Chinese in the City of Mexico, where the coolie smugglers all have their headquarters.

PASSES CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY BILL

The House Amendment Reduces Re-
presentation on Account of
Disfranchisement.

CRUMPACKER'S ADDED JOKER.

On Seeing The Intent of The Amend-
ment the Democrats Solidly
Opposed Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A campaign contribution publicity bill, embodying an amendment by Crumpacker of Indiana, providing for a reduction in the representation in the house of representatives in those states having disfranchisement laws, was passed by the house today by a vote of 160 to 125, following a lively debate.

The measure was brought up under suspension of the rules and 40 minutes were allowed in which to discuss it. The southern members in particular, were bitter in their denunciation of the apportionment provision of the bill. Williams, the minority leader, was especially vigorous in his attack, characterizing the bill as an attempt to revive the conditions of reconstruction days.

After the Crumpacker amendment the democrats voted against the bill in its entirety. In brief, the provisions regarding publicity of campaign contributions is made applicable to the national committees and the national congressional campaign committees of all political parties, and all committees, associations or organizations, which shall in two or more states in-

fluence the result, or attempt to influence the result, of an election in which representatives in congress are to be elected.

The Crumpacker amendment provides for re-enactment of certain provisions of the old federal election law except that the idea of the unenacted force bill, authorizing the use of troops at the polls, is eliminated. It also provides that the director of the census shall submit to congress a report of population, showing the number of male citizens, white and black, in each state and the number disfranchised, for the purpose of enabling congress to ascertain the apportionment to which states may be entitled. Although the Crumpacker amendment does not in express terms say that it is applicable to the southern states, such, nevertheless, is accepted as the fact.

RUNNING HIM DOWN.

Hitter—This paper states that it is only a matter of time when the automobile will reach the poor man.
Upp—You bet it will reach him if he don't get out of the road as soon

as he hears the first "honk, honk!"
—Chicago Tribune.

CRAZY INDEED.
Mrs. Giles—My husband is just crazy over music.
Mrs. Giles—Indeed?
Mrs. Giles—Yes. The people in the flat under us have a daughter who is taking lessons on the piano.—Detroit Tribune.

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